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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 7, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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